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SUBJ: REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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1. BELIEVE REF A OVERSTATES THE CASE FOR REIMBURSABLE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS (RDP) IN BRAZIL. WHILE THERE IS SOME POTENTIAL BECAUSE RDP OFFERS ANOTHER OPTION FOR FOREIGN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, UNLESS OUR TERMS ARE IMPROVED THE LIKELIHOOD OF ANY MAJOR RDP PROJECT BEING APPROVED BY THE GOB IN THE INTERMEDIATE FUTURE APPEARS REMOTE. A CASE IN POINT IS THE DRAFT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY AND USGS WHICH HAS BEEN PIGEONHOLED SINCE LATE 1976. MOREOVER, THERE HAS BEEN NO FAVORABLE CHANGE IN CONDITIONS FOR RDP SINCE AID/W CONSULTANT GEORGE PEASES REPORT ON THE SITUATION IN 1976; THAT REPORT, WRITTEN UNDER CONTRACT AID/CTR-C-1469, CONCLUDED THAT THE POTENTIAL FOR RDP IN BRAZIL DID NOT JUSTIFY A FULL-TIME AMERICAN POSITION.

2. REALIZE THAT THE POSITION PROPOSED IN REF A WOULD INVOLVE REGIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND THAT, THEREFORE, THE DECISION ON WHETHER TO ESTABLISH SUCH A POSITION WILL DEPEND ON RESPONSES FROM OTHER EMBASSIES AND USAID'S AS WELL AS HERE. IF
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BRAZIL IS UNDER CONSIDERATION AS THE COUNTRY OF ASSIGNMENT, THERE ARE SOME CONSIDERATIONS TO BE BORNE IN MIND:

A) IT APPEARS THAT FAA SECTION 661, WHICH IS CITED AS THE BASIS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RDP POSITIONS OVERSEAS, DOES NOT INVOLVE A HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING REQUIREMENT; THIS SHOULD BE

CONFIRMED.

B) OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR THE QUOTE
DEVELOPMENT ATTACHE END QUOTE TYPE OF POSITION
MENTIONED PARA 4, REF A. THERE WILL STILL BE A
NUMBER OF ACTIVE AND RESIDUAL AID MATTERS TO BE
TAKEN CARE OF WHEN THE EMBASSY AID AFFAIRS OFFICE
CLOSES DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR, AND THE DEVELOPMENT
ATTACHE COULD TAKE OVER THOSE MATTERS THEREBY
ELIMINATING THE NEED TO TRANSFER THEM TO AID/W.
ANOTHER AID MISSION OR OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE EMBASSY.

C) RDP PROGRAMS DID NOT EXIST AT THE TIME
OF THE IG DECISION TO PHASE OUT AID PROGRAMS IN
BRAZIL. IS THERE A NEED FOR THE IG TO REVIEW
WHAT WOULD APPEAR TO BE A CONTINUED AID PRESENCE
IN BRAZIL?

3. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY
OCCUR.
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